Declaration of Tourism as an Industry by States

122. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States which have not yet declared tourism as an Industry as per the guidelines of the Government of India;

(b) what steps Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the Government of Maharashtra has not yet accepted tourism as an industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) So far the Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Bihar have declared Tourism as Industry while the Governments of Orissa, West Bengal and Rajasthan have declared hotels as Industry. The other State Governments/Union Territories are being persuaded to take similar action.

(c) The proposal is still under consideration of the State Government.

Cases of theft, pick-pocketing, etc. in Lajpat Nagar area of New Delhi

123. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of theft, pick-pocketing and chain-snatching have been reported in Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi during the last one year;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases reported during the last one year and what is the outcome of the cases; and

(c) whether any culprits have been brought to book and money/articles recovered/refunded to the concerned persons and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The number of such cases reported during 1986 is indicated below:

All type of thefts	—	313
Pick-pocketing	—	11
Chain snatching etc.	—	7

39 persons have been arrested in 26 cases worked out Challans were filed in 18 cases, and 5 persons have already been convicted. 266 cases have been filed as untraced. The money/articles recovered can be returned on the orders of the Court.

Investigation into crime cases

124. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increase in crime cases, Government have adopted any technique for their investigation in and outside Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the new methods adopted at present to ensure control on these crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) For prevention of crime and quick apprehension of culprits, wireless fitted police control room vans and motor cycles are utilised. Intensive patrolling is undertaken and periodic inter-State meetings are held to exchange information about inter-State gangs of criminals, terrorists etc.

For the investigation of crimes, services of dog squads, crime teams, specialised agencies from Central Bureau of Investigation and Central Forensic Science Laboratory are utilised. The help of crime record office and bomb disposal squads is also sought. Equipments like lie detectors are also used.